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Applicant: Koji UKAI et al. Conf.: 2449
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For: ORAL MEDICINE PREVENTING UNPLEASANT TASTE AND THE
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 27, 2002, the due date having been extended three months to September 27, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 12, 19, 24 and 27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An oral medicine composition preventing an unpleasant taste which comprises a basic medicine having an unpleasant taste, an anionic polymer, and a filler.

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2. (Amended) The medicine composition according to Claim 1 wherein the anionic polymer is at least one selected from the group